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PRESIDENT DETERMINES IMPORTS ARE NOT CAUSING SERIOUS INJURY

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PERTINENT PART OF PRESS RELEASE
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TRADE NEGOTIATIONS APRIL 14 ANNOUNCING THE DISPOSITION OF

THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION (USITC)
REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT REGARDING THE EFFECTS OF IMPORTS OF
SLIDE FASTENERS: BEGIN TEXT:

PRESIDENT FORD HAS DIRECTED EXPEDITED TRADE ADJUSTMENT
ASSISTANCE TO U.S. MANUFACTURERS OF METAL SLIDE FASTENERS
(ZIPPERS) AND PARTS, AND THEIR EMPLOYEES, AMBASSADOR
FREDERICK B. DENT, THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE
FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE PRESIDENT DECIDED IN FAVOR OF A FINDING BY THREE
OF THE SIX U.S. INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSIONERS THAT
IMPORTS OF THESE PRODUCTS ARE NOT CAUSING OR THREATEN-
ING SERIOUS INJURY TO THE DOMESTIC INDUSTRY, AND RECOMMEND-
ING NO IMPORT RELIEF. IN ITS EVENLY-DIVIDED REPORT ON A
PETITION FOR "ESCAPE CLAUSE" IMPORT RELIEF UNDER SECTION
201 OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974, THE COMMISSION'S THREE
MEMBERS WHO FOUND INJURY RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE
AS THE PRESCRIBED REMEDY.

THE USITC ZIPPER REPORT OF FEBRUARY 18, 1975 WAS BASED ON
THE COMMISSION'S INVESTIGATION OF A PETITION FILED BY THE
SLIDE FASTENER ASSOCIATION LAST AUGUST.

THE COMMISSION REPORTED THAT U.S. CONSUMPTION OF ZIPPERS
IN 1975 WAS WELL BELOW THE 1972 PEAK, DUE IN LARGE PART
TO CHANGES IN FASHION AND TO RECESSION, WHICH REDUCED
DEMAND FOR ARTICLES INCORPORATING ZIPPERS. THE ECONOMIC
UPTURN SINCE THAT TIME WARRANTS THE EXPECTATION THAT THE
DEMAND FOR SLIDE FASTENERS WILL IMPROVE IN THE CURRENT
YEAR.

IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1975 IMPORTS ACCOUNTED FOR
ABOUT FIVE OR SIX PERCENT OF APPARENT U.S. CONSUMPTION.

IMPORTS CARRY DUTIES OF 35 PERCENT AD VALOREM ON PARTS
AND 20-25 PERCENT ON FASTENERS. SHIPMENTS INCREASED
THROUGH 1972, REMAINED AT ABOUT THE 1972 LEVEL THROUGH
1974 BUT DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY IN 1975. IMPORTS COME
MAINLY FROM JAPAN, AND ARE ACCOUNTED FOR BY AN AMERICAN
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SUBSIDIARY OF A JAPANESE FIRM. THIS SUBSIDIARY, IN ADDI-
TION TO IMPORTING FINISHED ZIPPERS, HAS A NUMBER OF
DOMESTIC ASSEMBLY OPERATIONS AND SINCE 1974 HAS BEEN
MANUFACTURING PARTS IN THE UNITED STATES ON A SUBSTANTIAL
SCALE.

DOMESTIC PRODUCTION AND EMPLOYMENT HAVE DECLINED, AND A
NUMBER OF FIRMS ARE OPERATING AT A LOSS. IN VIEW OF

THESE FACTS, THE PRESIDENT HAS INSTRUCTED THE SECRETARIES OF COMMERCE AND LABOR TO GIVE EXPEDITIOUS CONSIDERATION TO ANY PETITIONS FOR ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FILED BY FIRMS AND WORKERS.

THIS IS THE SECOND SUCH ACTION BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER THE TRADE ACT. THE FIRST WAS TAKEN IN A CASE INVOLVING IMPORTS OF FRESH AND PROCESSED ASPARAGUS. END TEXT

2. US MISSION OECD PARIS INFORM THE OCED SECRETARIAT. US MISSION GENEVA NOTIFY THE GATT SECRETARIAT REQUESTING THAT THE CITED TEXT BE CIRCULATED FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES.

3. FYI. WHILE THE PRESIDENT HAS MADE A NEGATIVE DETERMINATION UNDER THE FIRST CHAPTER OF TITLE II OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974, FIRMS PRODUCING SLIDE FASTENERS AND GROUPS OF WORKERS EMPLOYED BY SUCH FIRMS MAY, NEVETHE- LESS, PETITION AND QUALIFY FOR ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE UNDER THE SECOND AND THIRD CHAPTERS OF TITLE II. THUS, IN THE EVENT FIRMS OR GROUPS OF WORKERS FILE PETITIONS FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE SECOND AND THIRD CHAPTERS OF TITLE II, SUCH PETITIONS LOULD, UNDER THE PRESIDENT'S DIRECTIVE TO THE SECRETARIES OF COMMERCE AND LABOR, RECEIVE EXPEDITIOU; CONSIDERATION . END FYI. KISSINGER

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